always pausing to ask if he has not done enough, taskmaster is not satisfied ; in the other, in the spirit of a who loves the service and him who appointed it, and is ever asking, if his Father in heaven has any other work which he wishes him to perform ?

(4.) There is a *beau ideal* of excellence provided in the character of Jesus. All human excellence, whether earthly or spiritual, has been attained by the mind keeping before it, and dwelling upon, the ideas of the great, the good, the beautiful, the grand, the perfect. The tradesmen and mechanic attain to eminence by their never allowing themselves to rest till they can produce the most finished specimens of their particular work. The painter and sculptor travel to distant lands that they may see, and as it were fill their eye and mind with the sight of the most beautiful models of their arts. Poets have had their yet undiscovered genius awakened into life as they contemplated some of the grandest of nature's scenes—or as they listened to the strains of other poets, the spirit of poetry has descended upon them, as the spirit of inspiration descended upon Elisha while the minstrel played before him. The soldier's spirit has been aroused more than even by the stirring sound of the war-trumpet, by the record of the courage and heroism of other warriors. The fervour of one patriot has been created as he listened to the burning words of another patriot, and many a martyr's zeal has been kindled at the funeral pile of other martyrs. In this way fathers have handed down their virtues to their children, and parents have left their offspring a better legacy in their example than in all their wealth, and those who could leave them nothing else, have in this example left them the very richest legacy. In this way the good men of one age have influenced the characters of the men of another, and the deeds of those who have done great achievements have lived far

longer than those who performed them, and been transmitted from one generation to another. Now we have such a model set before us in the character of Jesus. And in beholding by faith his image set before us in the Word as in a glass, our character becomes assimilated to his. In looking with open face into the face of Jesus, his likeness is impressed upon the soul as we have seen the image of heaven reflected on the bosom of a tranquil lake spread out beneath it. " *We all with open face*.